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POLAND: Continuing the Dialogue

*The Jaruzelski regime apparently will continue its dialogue with Solidarity despite its harsh condemnation of the general strike yesterday.*

At the Central Committee session yesterday, Jaruzelski called on Solidarity to give up its "festering merry-go-round" of strikes and to engage in "constructive cooperation." While the union was preparing to strike, government officials met with one of union leader Walesa's closest advisers to plan the next round of union-government talks. Walesa is expected to meet with Jaruzelski within a week.

Jaruzelski also announced his intention to propose to parliament this Friday a framework for "social consultations," something that could lead to more formal structuring of union-government relations. It is unclear how far the proposal will go toward meeting Solidarity's demands. A union official said that Solidarity will push for creation of a body to oversee economic reform and coordinate economic preparations for winter.

Party personnel changes announced yesterday do not appear to signal any major change of Jaruzelski's "firm but moderate" course. The Central Committee also approved the Politburo's recommendation that Jaruzelski retain all three of his top posts.

The appointment of a close Jaruzelski associate, General Siwicki, brings to three the number of generals on the Politburo. Two civilians, who are political unknowns, were brought into the Central Committee Secretariat; one may be a moderate. Three Central Committee departments were merged into a single entity to oversee the nonagricultural part of the economy.

Solidarity's one-hour strike yesterday passed without incident and provided a successful show of union strength. Although the leadership is no doubt gratified over the results, it is still concerned about the increasing lack of discipline among local chapters. Even though one local union suspended its planned continuation of the one-hour strike, work stoppages that had already been under way elsewhere apparently are continuing. The National Commission will meet next week to address the issue of union discipline and wildcat strikes.

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